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Education Cess

* 82 Q.—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any communication has been received from the Union Ministry of Education suggesting levy of education cess?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, whether the Government of India want the levy of a cess for elementary education or for secondary education or education in general?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The reference in the communication is with regard to education in general. So far as this State is concerned, the cess is being levied for a very long time.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, whether the Government of India are aware that this State Government have been levying the education cess since 1921?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, that is exactly what I have stated and the Government of India also should be aware of it. This is only a general circular, and there are States which do not have any levy.

Single-teacher Schools

83 Q.—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Single-teacher schools in the State as on 1st August 1962;

(b) the number of untrained teachers in such schools;

(c) the number of teachers from such schools already absorbed in regular service; and

(d) whether their service prior to training has been taken into account for fixation of salary in the new scales?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 4,911.

(b) 1,057.

(c) 651.

(d) No.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it not a fact that the Government wanted the services of only untrained teachers, and, if so, why were their services before training not taken into account?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, untrained teachers are taken only temporarily. Therefore, their services cannot count for this purpose.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Did the Government arrange for their training and did they depute them with stipend or salary?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

Veterinary College Students

* 84 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report about the misbehaviour of some Veterinary College students with some school girls on 26th August 1962 at Tirukalikundram;

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Basic Education

* 85. *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the system of basic education in the State has been received;

(*b*) if so, the findings of the Committee; and

(*c*) the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The report is under examination of the Government.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact, Sir, that the Government find it difficult to convert all schools into basic schools within the target period of ten years fixed by them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice. The whole question is under examination.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is there any proposal to take the salient features of the basic education scheme and incorporate them into the present system of primary education?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is exactly the general idea not only with this Government but with the Central Government also.

Compensatory allowance

3-10 p.m. * 86 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Rameswaram town in the Rameswaram island is considered 'an expensive locality' for the purpose of sanction of local compensatory allowance to Government servants;